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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on January 13, 2002, please amend the application as follows.

It is believed that no fee is required with this submission. However, should a fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1868.

Amendment

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph on page 6, lines 26-28, with the following paragraph.

I, -- Figure 1 graphs the antigenic regions of Sm B/B', with the octapeptides binding with an absorbance greater than 0.50, and their surrounding octapeptides. The following octapeptides

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